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MARKETING LEGISLATION URGED BY FARM EXECUTIVE

ACT UNIFORM WITH B. C. LEGISLATION DESIRED BY U.F.A.

Canadian Chamber of Agriculture
Also Seeks Such Legislation
for Provinces

U.F.A.'s POSITION

Letter to Premier Stresses Need
for Act Conforming With
Coast Legislation

Enactment at an early date of Alberta legislation "conforming in all main essentials" with the Natural Products Marketing Act of British Columbia, is urged upon the Provincial Government by the Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta in a letter which has been sent to Premier William Aberhart. The letter is signed in behalf of the Executive by Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President.

Almost at the same time the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture, meeting in Winnipeg, adopted a resolution urging adoption of the British Columbia legislation by other Provinces.

Province Has Full Powers

In writing Premier Aberhart, Mr. Priestley points out that "for many years farmers throughout Canada have been seeking legislative powers to deal with the problem of marketing in such a way as to ensure for themselves a reasonable return for their investment and labor." It is indicated that Dominion natural products marketing legislation was declared *ultra vires* by the Privy Council, while the same supreme tribunal found the passing of the British Columbia act to be within the powers of the Province.

As has been explained in articles published recently in *The Western Farm Leader*, calling for the passing of legislation uniform with that of British Columbia at the next session of the Alberta Legislature, the coast Province is anxious to co-operate with Alberta in this matter. The act which is in force in the neighboring Province provides for the setting up of marketing boards by the producers themselves, after a vote has been taken. If the number of producers of any particular commodity asking for a board is found to be sufficiently large, the Minister of Agriculture has authority to provide for a board to be set up, members being elected by the producers.

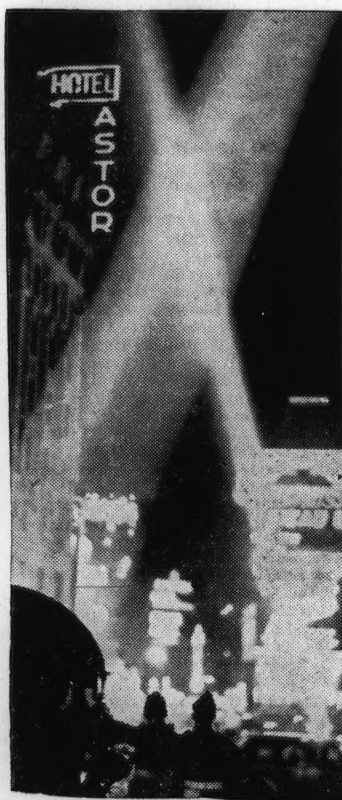
ALBERTA REFUNDING SCHEME

EDMONTON, Nov. 2nd. — The Provincial Government have had two California men working for several weeks on a refunding scheme, it was disclosed here today. They are Harold B. Reed, president of a Los Angeles investment firm, and J. J. Sousa, also of Los Angeles.

TOKIO, Nov. 2nd.—The Kokumin newspaper demands that Sir Robert Craigie, British ambassador, be removed.

Alma Gluck Zimbalist, famous singer, died in New York last week at the age of 54.

Seek "Hostile" Planes



Perhaps it was their recollections of the recent spectacular "dress rehearsals" of anti-aircraft mobilization in the Eastern States that made many people unduly susceptible when, later, a radio version of H. G. Wells' "War of the Worlds" caused a panic among listeners, who thought that invaders from Mars or somewhere were actually spreading death and devastation in New Jersey. The picture shows Times Square, New York, as powerful searchlights probed the midnight sky during the real "manoeuvres" for hostile aeroplanes. If invasion from the air really came, Broadway's brilliance would be darkened and the searchlights would blaze alone.

To Endorse Pact

LONDON, Nov. 2nd.—Endorsement of the Anglo-Italian pact, which Prime Minister Chamberlain has made a matter of confidence, will be given tonight by the Conservative majority. The withdrawal by Mussolini of 10,000 Italians from Spain is being accepted as sufficient to make the agreement operative. It is estimated that at present there are over 80,000 Italian in Spain, of whom 4,000 were sent over in September, and 10,000 Germans. The agreement is bitterly criticised in the House by Labor, Liberal and some Conservative members, and by military experts. All non-Spaniards with the Loyalist forces have been withdrawn.

Munich Gives Boost to Armament Shares

Since the Munich pact, shares in ten British leading armament firms have increased in value by \$100,000,000; aircraft makers are paying dividends of from 20 to 45 per cent.

Declare Democracy Gravely Threatened

Humiliated by Dominion Govern-
ment's Silence in Face of
Blackmailers' Threats

"We have felt a sense of humiliation at the silence of the Dominion Government in respect to these matters," states a letter written in behalf of the U.F.A. Executive to Prime Minister King, dealing with the threat of Fascist states to the democracies of the world. "We trust that you and your Government, representing us, the citizens of the leading Dominion of the British Empire, will stand at all times for democracy and for peace and will exert every possible influence towards the reconstruction of international relations on a basis of collective security through a reorganized and perfected League of Nations."

Sacrifice of Czechs

Signed by Vice-President Priestley, the letter states that while relief was experienced by the sense that the immediate threat of war had been removed in October, "the return to power politics gives us real concern. It is a distinctly backward step in human affairs. We believe that the partition of Czechoslovakia is a price for peace which the valiant people of that democratic nation should not have been called upon to pay; that the independence of all the smaller democracies of Europe is now threatened; that it is to be deplored that Russia and the smaller democracies are now excluded from having any effective voice in international agreements in Europe.

"We believe that aggressions in Manchoukuo, Ethiopia, Spain and Czechoslovakia and China have been successive steps in the yielding of democracies to the blackmailing tactics of the Fascist Powers; that pledges given by these powers will only be kept so long as it is convenient for them to do so."

Japanese Threaten Another Chinese Port

Landing of Japanese troops at Futsing, near Foochow, one of the two large seaports remaining in Chinese control, was reported on Wednesday. The Chinese, who have established a new temporary capital at Chungking, 1,400 miles up the Yangtse River, affirm their determination to continue resistance; meantime, in the vast conquered areas the Japanese conquerors are faced with passive resistance of millions of Chinese civilians and constant harassing of

PRE-ELECTION AIR TO PERVADE NEXT OTTAWA SESSION

Battle Line of Opposing Parties
Will Be Clarified in Parli-
mentary Debates

DATE UNCERTAIN

Foreign Policy, National Defence,
80 Cent Wheat, Among the
Possible Debate Features

By M. McDUGALL

(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, Nov. 2nd.—The next session of Parliament will have that very special atmosphere which always prevails when a general election is nearing. But whatever emotions may have been aroused by the prospect of an approaching contest for political power, these will be kept in check when the session closes by the pleasant anticipation of Their Majesties' visit.

It is not yet certain when the parliamentarians will be called to their labors. Mr. King will probably make known his decision about that upon his return within the next week or so from his trip to the West Indies. One may assume that the factors taken into consideration on whether the session would be called before the Christmas season or not would be primarily the need of closing the session before the King and Queen arrive next summer, the extent of the prospective legislative agenda and the trouble it is for members to come from all parts of the Dominion for a short time and then have to travel long distances back for the Christmas holidays. It would seem likely that the session will not be called before the New Year but this is merely guesswork.

Election Issues

It is believed that the coming session will be the last meeting of the present Parliament, and that following Their Majesties' visit, there will be a general election. For that reason the general battle line of the opposing forces will be clarified in the debates on the floor of the House. It may be that the trade agreement with the United States, still to be signed, will hold a conspicuous place in the session's debates and on the election platform. Foreign policy, national defence, the 80 cent wheat guarantee, the railway problem and perhaps the Rowell Commission report will all be discussed but in what issues will lie points of distinct cleavage in policy between the parties is not clear. From issues raised in the Brandon by-election it is felt here that the 80 cent wheat guarantee may be attacked in Parliament by the C.C.F. members from the viewpoint of its inadequacy. The C.C.F. argument would be opposed by some mem-

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guerrilla troops. Great hardship and loss of life were suffered by the enormous populations of Canton and Hankow who fled from the burning cities as the Japanese entered them.

Not the Truth

By LEONARD D. NESBITT

In its October 29th issue the *Financial Post* says: "From 1929 until 1935 Canadian elevators were filled to the roof, yet we refused to part with a single bushel except at our own dictated price. Thousands of old and valued customers were antagonized by that policy, thousands of potential customers were turned away."

That statement simply is not true. If the *Financial Post* will condescend to read the evidence of John I. McFarland before the Turgeon-Commission and his "Story of Stabilization" it will find out that it is repeating a fallacy. In the years mentioned Canada's share of world trade was 32.7 per cent in spite of the fact that in only one year, 1932, did this country produce a big crop.

In the crop year, 1935-36, Canada's share of world trade was 254 million bushels, or 47.8 per cent of the total. This certainly does not show any evidence of antagonism over any supposed price hold-up over previous years.

The *Post* says further: "Had Canada continued to offer wheat freely, ruinous surpluses would have been disposed of before they accumulated; low prices would have attracted new users and new buyers."

Similar Period Now

Well, we have a similar period at

hand right now. For several years there has been no attempt on the part of exporting countries to raise the level of world prices. Supplies are abundant and wheat is very cheap. Where are the new users and new buyers?

It is now freely forecasted that the carryover at the end of this crop year will be almost as large as the top figures during the depression years. Prices are close to the all-time lows, yet European countries are increasing restrictions against the importation of cheap wheat from overseas. Canada has 250 million bushels for sale and Broomhall states only 140 million will be required.

The *Financial Post*, like the *Bourbons*, learns nothing and forgets nothing when it comes to the Canadian wheat problem. It persists in its errors of half a dozen years ago and fails to realize that its oft-repeated arguments have been discredited by unbiased authorities.

The persistent antagonism of the *Financial Post* to the reasonable desires and objectives of Western Canadian farmers has widened the division between East and West. Furthermore, the *Post* has rendered a very poor service to the financial and business interests for which it poses as a representative. It has made those interests disliked on the Canadian prairies.

FARMER "CLEAR THINKER"

sums up the situation

"Service and satisfaction are all right. I appreciate that in concerns handling my grain.

"But 60c from 80c is 20c a bushel. Those figures tell a short, plain story.

"So my grain goes to

ALBERTA POOL ELEVATORS"

The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By Hon. J. E. BROWNLEE,
K.C., LL.D.

Answers to Enquiries

I.O.U.—1. A creditor holding a Demand Note cannot make a seizure of property without first entering suit and obtaining judgment. If the note is dated before the 1st of July, 1936, the creditor cannot sue without first obtaining a permit from the Debt Adjustment Board.

2. Any debtor who is a bona fide farmer, actually operating his farm, who is unable to meet his debts as they become due can make an application under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act with respect to any debt incurred before the 1st day of May, 1935. If therefore the creditor's note above mentioned was made before the 1st of May, 1935, and the creditor commences action the debtor can make an application under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act if he can show that his total indebtedness is such that he cannot meet his debts as they become due.

3. Any farmer desiring to go through bankruptcy proceedings should apply either to the nearest Provincial Debt Adjustment office or to the Official Receiver under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act. He will be advised there of his rights.

NOTE—With respect to the above questions I have already in previous articles pointed out that in view of the recent amendments to the Debt Adjustment Act and the Statute of Limitations passed by the Provincial Government, the whole question of the best procedure for a farmer debtor to follow for the purpose of having his debts adjusted is a complicated one depending largely upon the amount and nature of the indebtedness and the relation of the total indebtedness to the total value of his estate. It is difficult therefore to give proper advice in reply to general questions such as the above.

Service for Subscribers

Any reader of *The Western Farm Leader* whose subscription is paid up to date is entitled to submit a question for answer in the Legal Department. Answers will be printed in this section. The subscription is One Dollar per year. If you are not paid up to date, send in your subscription when submitting your legal inquiry.

Postpone Action Until After U.F.A. Convention

Following a discussion on Provincial affairs, it was decided by the Board of the Cochrane U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association last Saturday not to take any definite stand in regard to political action nor to issue a call for a constituency convention until after the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta in January, reports W. H. Evans, secretary. Norman F. Priestley, Provincial Vice-President, attended the latter part of the meeting and contributed to the discussion. Paul Swanson, president, W. Hunter, A. Rosenberger, W. Pole, and Mr. Evans attended.

Obeys Cannery Interests

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—A co-operative cannery at Wilmington, California, was closed down last spring by the State Attorney-General at the behest of big cannery interests, it is charged here. Originally set up with Government funds as a self-help scheme under the relief administration, the cannery had been carried on as an independent co-operative; and the blow fell following announcement of an auction of a large stock of canned goods.

Canadian Singer Dies



Thirty years ago Alice York was the star of the day. Possessed of a beautiful soprano voice, her singing made her popular. Born in Toronto, she died at her Long Island home. This picture shows her at the height of her career.

Gas, Oil, Farm Supplies, Features of Activities of Co-operative League

Democratic Movements Will Fall Together if Fascism Wins, Says Secretary

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — While two million members of consumer co-operatives in 38 states went on quietly spending a million and a half dollars a day in their own co-operatives "buying their way toward prosperity," their representatives met here to discuss and decide by democratic vote the national policies which govern American co-operatives.

The League, which was organized 22 years ago to federate the genuine consumers societies in this country, is today a federation of 1,770 local co-operatives which include 965,000 of the two million co-op members in the country. Membership of the League was reported to be 704,000 two years ago. With both farm and city consumers in its membership the Co-operative League is the educational spearhead of the organized consumer movement in this country.

Operating such varied businesses as the distribution of gas and oil, groceries, farm supplies, insurance, electricity and health service, the co-operatives are characterized by consumer ownership and democratic control of their businesses, and by the return of savings (profits) to their members. Total consumer co-op business was estimated by *Fortune* magazine in May, 1937, at \$500,000,000 per year.

Stand or Fall Together

E. R. Bowen, general secretary of The Co-operative League of the U.S.A. pointing to the broader aspects of the movement, declared, "The consumers co-operative movement cannot isolate itself from other democratic organizations. The history of Europe shows that we will fall together if dictatorships develop. If we read history aright, the attack of dictatorship is first on democratic political organization, then economic, then educational and finally ethical. All these four great democratic organizations which society has formed over the course of the centuries must all stand together or else they fall together."

The success of the co-operatives in breaking the fertilizer trust and acting as a yardstick for monopolies and near

CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Will Pay to Finish Your Flocks Well and Dress Them Right . . .

These bright days we have had are liable to have us overlook the season. When you get this issue of *The Western Farm Leader*, it will be November 5th to 7th, and it is really time to have your finishing program on your farm poultry well under way.

With all grains so very cheap, unquestionably, there is a much better than average opportunity to realize more for them by using as much as necessary in feeding your chickens, fowl, ducks, geese and your turkeys. A well-ground, mixed ration, instituted in plenty of time, and ordinary care will do wonders for the finish of your birds and the extra you will get for them at marketing time. It will pay more than usual this year to finish your flocks well and have them dressed right on the farm and then delivered to your Pool for marketing.

In the next issue of this paper we are going to print a copy of our bulletin on the proper killing and dressing. When it comes to you, please put it out and use it for reference.

Yours very truly,

E. A. JOHNSTONE,

Manager, Central Alberta Dairy Pool, Red Deer.

DEPUTY MINISTER STATES PLEASURE IN POOL PROGRESS

New General Manager Has Good Reception at Adjourned Annual Meeting C.A.D.P.

EVENING MEETING

Officers of Northern and Southern Pools Bring Greetings and Good Wishes

Harmony and unity and a firm determination to carry the banner of co-operation to new successes, were the outstanding characteristics of the adjourned annual meeting of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool held at Alix on October 19th, when 33 out of a total of 42 delegates attended and dealt with expedition with the business of the day—the revision of the constitution of the Pool.

In keeping with the spirit which had been shown throughout the day was the evening meeting. Officers of the Northern and Southern Pools and of the Alberta Government brought greetings and good wishes for the progress of the Central Pool, and in the true spirit of co-operation, representatives of all three dairy co-operatives expressed their desire for the closest possible relationships between all who are working towards a common end—the raising of the status of the farm people.

Progressive Trend

Ellis A. Johnstone, who took over the responsible position of general manager of the C.A.D.P. during the late summer, was introduced to the meeting during the afternoon. He had a good reception and answered several questions to the satisfaction of delegates in regard to the welfare of the Pool. It was learned that a progressive trend was being realized

monopolies was pointedly driven home when the co-op general secretary declared, "An Associated Press story truly says that 'representatives of a million trust-busters are mobilizing here for a new attack on monopoly in the United States.' Another world war has been postponed, but there is no assurance that it has been prevented. There will be no enduring peace or plenty in the world until the people take their own economic destinies out of the hands of a few and direct them democratically in the interests of all."

Change Method of Electing Pool Delegates

Most important of the changes in the new constitution of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, adopted at the adjourned annual meeting in October, provides for the election of delegates in future in accordance with the plan used by the Alberta Wheat Pool. Under this plan, members in each district will be mailed a nomination form for his or her use in nominating the person preferred for nomination in the district concerned. If more than one person is nominated in any district, the secretary of the Pool shall prepare ballots to be mailed to such district, with the names of the nominees on the ballot. The single transferable vote system will be used in the election.

It is believed that by this method the intention of placing each of the nine districts on an equal footing will be attained, and that consequently all districts will be drawn closer together in co-operation.

The complete redrafting of the constitution is the outcome of instructions given to the Board in 1937, with a view to simplification, and practically the whole of the adjourned convention was devoted to considering the document clause by clause and making desired amendments.

at the Red Deer plant, which has commenced manufacturing condensed milk again after being on a non-manufacturing basis for this product for two months.

Mr. Johnstone at the evening meeting said that as a farmer prior to 1927, he had direct knowledge and interest in all farmers' problems, and that much satisfaction was to be derived from working for a co-operative concern. The Pool had physical assets of \$225,000, with bonuses of \$175,000 over a twelve years period in which some reverses had been suffered. The possibilities of the future depended upon two things: Unity, Sound Operation. In view of the spirit which is shown today, there should be no doubt of the future.

J. M. Smith presided at the business sessions, and H. P. Price, Pool Secretary, was secretary of the Convention. George K. MacShane, President of the C.A.D.P., was the general chairman at the evening gathering, when the brief speeches were interspersed with community singing and solos by talented artists. Co-operation, in the true significance of the term, was the keynote of the proceedings.

Deputy Minister Pleased by Progress

"I am pleased at the progress now being made by the Central Alberta

FINISHING POULTRY FOR MARKET

A Poultry Fleshing and Finishing Ration

It has occurred to us that possibly some of our members and shippers would appreciate knowing the plan other members use in finishing their poultry flocks for marketing—particularly "Turkeys". The Chickens and particularly the Fowl can be finished off nicely in four weeks but with Turkeys—it takes longer.

Here is a Feeding Programme used by one of the largest raisers of "Turkeys" in our Province.

- (1) Keep a hopper of whole oats in front of the turkeys at all times for they like oats and it is an excellent conditioner as well as being a good food.
- (2) Keep grit available as required.
- (3) For their main feeding use the following ration—a mixture of one hundred pounds used as illustration:

42³/₄ lb.—Ground Wheat
42³/₄ lb.—Ground Barley
10 lb.—Meat Scrap
1 lb.—Cod Liver Oil (Pilchardene)
1¹/₂ lb.—Hog Mineral
1 lb.—Salt
1 lb.—Feed Buttermilk Powder
100 lb.—Total

For convenience in feeding this, use a self feeder.

- (4) Plenty of Skimmilk or Buttermilk if available and if not, see that they have ready access to good drinking water.

As the time progresses you can cut out the Buttermilk Powder and reduce somewhat the salt.

The above feeding recipe has given excellent results and it may be of some assistance to you. One very important thing—commence immediately, if you have not already started, to prepare your flocks for Marketing. IT WILL PAY WELL.

THE CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

Plants at

ACME, ALIX, BOWDEN and RED DEER

• LOOK for the POSTERS Later for BUYING DATES

Dairy Pool and wish you further that they might become one organization.

success," declared W. D. King, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry. "I wish to express my sincerest good wishes for the success of the Central Pool," declared William Burns of Three Hills, president of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool. Co-operation in the fullest sense of the word was the key to the most effective development. He hoped that the time would come when there would be a single dairy pool unit. C. Toppenberg, Manager of the S.A.D.P., expressed the hope that the Pools would develop such close relationships also brought greetings and was cheered (Continued on page 5)

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TIME TO ACT

The strong representations made to the Provincial Government by the Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta, urging the "necessity of passing at an early date legislation conforming in all main essentials to that of British Columbia," should bring much nearer attainment the goal which producers of primary products must wish to reach—control by boards of their own choosing of the marketing of one hundred per cent of the production in any chosen commodity field.

The Canadian Chamber of Agriculture, meeting shortly after the Alberta farm executive, passed a similar resolution. They asked that the B.C. legislation in all its essentials be adopted by the other Provinces of Canada.

May we urge our readers to take action upon this matter without delay. If they desire the legislation, let them say so through their organizations, or express themselves as individuals.

Members of the Alberta Government are themselves anxious to know what legislation the people want. The farmers should make their views known. Meetings are now being resumed following the close of threshing operations, and we suggest that this matter should be the first on the agenda of Alberta farm organizations.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

The adjourned annual meeting of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, which is reported in this issue, revealed the fine spirit of loyalty and co-operation which is to be found among the membership of the Pool. It was made quite evident, by the whole delegation, that in all parts of the wide area served by the Pool, there exists today among the producers the will to solve every problem and press forward to new successes.

"I am pleased at the progress now being made by the Central Alberta Dairy Pool," stated the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, W. D. King, in his brief address at the evening meeting. The meeting brought together leaders in the Dairy Pool movement in the North and the South, with greetings and good wishes.

Farm co-operation in general is steadily gaining ground in the Province, and the Dairy Pools are taking part in the advance. The membership of

the Central Pool, as was clearly shown at the meeting at Alix, are anxious to give every assistance to their officers and management in the development of their enterprise, and the officers are concentrating every effort upon the work in hand.

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U.G.G. IN SESSION

This year the Annual Meeting of the United Grain Growers, Limited, is being held in Calgary. The gathering always brings together, as well as younger delegates, a great many of the veterans of the farmers' movement in Western Canada, and we have had the pleasure of meeting a considerable number of these during the past few days.

Such renewals of associations bring to mind the earlier days of the movement, when the farmers first began to unite their forces with a view to the removal of serious abuses in the handling of their grain. The farmers' companies which came together to form the present company, played an important role in the fight for better conditions, as the U.G.G. has done since the amalgamation. The company has always taken an active interest in the farmers' primary organizations, and has frequently assisted in the development of consumer co-operative activities, as well as in other fields.

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NAZIS' THREE ENEMIES

At a time when the Nazi state is winning victory after victory, and some leading democratic statesmen apparently still adhere to the belief that it is possible (to use a phrase of Paul Reading's), to appease a tiger by "feeding it with small pieces of meat," the indoctrination of the whole of German youth with the new religion of racialism and intolerance is proceeding apace. A new generation is growing to manhood and womanhood, knowing nothing of the great tradition of European humanism.

We recently had the privilege of reading what is described as "The Nazi Primer," a text book on the principles of "National Socialism" which is compulsory reading for all German boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 18. It is an interesting and instructive document. It emphasises many things that are worth emphasising—the importance of physi-

cal fitness, of a courage which is not reckless. But its main theme, is, of course, the racial doctrine which every competent scientist who has specialised in the races of mankind, their origin and present condition, has condemned as false and absurd. The Primer also emphasises the necessity for every loyal citizen to surrender himself or herself unquestioningly, body and soul, to the will of the leader.

According to the text book, which seven million young Germans must read, the Nazi doctrine has three great enemies. They are described in the following passages from the "Primer":

"Even today the racial ideas of National Socialism have implacable opponents. Free Masons, Marxists, and the Christian Church join hands in brotherly accord on this point. The worldwide order of Free Masons reveals its Jewish plans for ruling the world behind the catchword 'Mankind' or 'Humanity.' Masonry can take as much credit for its effort to bring Jews and Turks into the fold as does Christianity itself. Marxism has the same goal as Free Masonry. In this case, to disguise its real intentions, the slogan 'Equality, Liberty and Fraternity' is preached. Under Jewish leadership Marxism intends to bring together everyone 'who bears the face of man.' The Christians, above all the Roman Church, reject the race idea with the citation 'before God all men are equal'."

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"It would be a comparatively simple matter, from the military point of view, to create a League of American Nations whose pooled defence forces would be impregnable against outside attack." —Professor F. R. Scott of McGill University, in *Canada Today*.

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REVIEWS CO-OPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

Containing a mass of valuable information on co-operative organizations in Alberta, the first Annual Report of the Supervisor of Co-operative Activities appointed by the Provincial Government under the Department of Trade and Industries, is a very creditable production. It consists of twenty-one pages, in which important statistics are given by the supervisor, A. H. Christensen, and the progress of co-operation in every field—both in marketing and in purchasing—is surveyed. The various acts whose administration is under the branch of the service for which Mr. Christensen is responsible are listed.

Among co-operatives about which very useful information is given are the Alberta Wheat Pool, co-operative associations operating stores, the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Limited, co-operative creameries, cheese factories and plants, co-operative poultry and hatchery associations, livestock feeder associations, and others. There is a section on Western Canada's beef cattle industry and one on co-operative education, with especial reference to the work of the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta, under the leadership of Donald Cameron, M.Sc.

Copies may be obtained free of cost on application to the supervisor, at Edmonton.

Would Extend Aid to Farmers in Same Way as This Year When Low World Prices Threaten Disaster

Such Action Necessary in National Interest, States Report of United Grain Growers, Limited—Wheat Situation Reviewed—Company's Operating Surplus \$254,613—Delegates Open Sessions

"When the farmers' ability to carry on is threatened by disastrously low world prices, Dominion Government assistance must, in the national interests, be extended in the same way as has been done this year," stated the annual report of the United Grain Growers, Limited, presented by President R. S. Law at the annual meeting of the company which opened in Calgary on Wednesday.

Better Than Previous Year

The company had an operating profit for the year ended July 31st, 1938, of \$254,613.40. Financial results, the report showed, were considerably better than those of the preceding year, in spite of the disastrous crop failure of 1937 in the Province of Saskatchewan, while crop production in Alberta in that year was also small. Excellent crops were produced in Manitoba, where the company's elevators had a large handling.

The company operates 440 country elevators in the three Prairie Provinces, a terminal at Port Arthur with a capacity of 5,500,000 bushels, and a terminal elevator at Vancouver with 2,600,000 bushels capacity.

Out of the operating profit were provided interest on bonds \$151,615.85; directors fees \$8,291.00; counsel and legal fees and salaries of executive officers represented by directors of the parent company actively engaged in the management, \$29,558.32; annual meeting expenses \$16,729.83; depreciation on printing plant and miscellaneous equipment \$33,250.80. Provision was further made for proportion of bond discounts and expenses written off, \$19,878.00, less profit arising from redemption of company bonds during the year \$12,497.25, a net amount of \$7,380.75. After total appropriations the profit for the year amounted to \$7,786.85. Provision for Dominion and Provincial taxation was made to the extent of \$4,000.00. The balance was added to the earned surplus account which is carried forward to the amount of \$300,389.21.

Canadian Wheat Institute

Hope that the Dominion Government may now provide for the establishment of a Canadian Wheat Institute, as recommended by the company to the Royal Grain Inquiry Commission and endorsed by the Commission, was expressed.

Reviewing the world wheat situation, the report pointed out that since 1932 wheat acreage in the United States had increased from 67 to 80 million acres, this increase being equivalent to the wheat acreage of the whole of the Province of Saskatchewan.

This increase, as a contribution to excess world production, it was stated, is far more significant than all the

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE CROP

The 1938 wheat crop of 36 northern hemisphere countries, according to estimates supplied to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, totals 3,801,000,000 bushels as compared with 3,295,000,000 in the same countries last year.

From an average of \$8 in the years 1909 to 1913, hog prices on the Chicago market rose to an average of \$11.04 in the five years 1925 to 1929, inclusive, and to \$11.77 in August, 1937. In August of this year the price had dropped to \$7.70.

increases in acreage brought about in Europe through high-tariff policies.

Worse Bargaining Position

That it would be unwise to rely upon any international agreement for dividing up the world's wheat market on a quota basis was stressed, it being indicated that Canada would be in a much worse bargaining position than was the case when the London Wheat Agreement of 1933 was signed, as Canadian acreage had decreased since that time and acreage in other countries had increased.

Canada's wheat policy, it was declared, must be to keep on growing wheat, and the highest quality of wheat possible; to keep the cost of production low, by sound agricultural methods and sound national policies; and to keep on selling wheat with intensive efforts to promote sales, so as to secure a maximum possible share of the world's markets.

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when he reminded the audience of his former association with the Central Pool.

"This is a family gathering," said A. H. Christenson, supervisor of co-operative activities in the Department of Trade and Industry. "I have the greatest admiration for the loyalty your members have shown to their organization." Confidence in one another, in dealings between Pool and Pool would make for the welfare of all.

"Shown Tremendous Strength"

That the idea of co-operation is positively gaining ground in Alberta was the opinion of C. Christensen, manager of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool, who spoke of the notable improvement in relations between the three bodies. "Your organization," he said, "has shown tremendous strength during troublesome times. I congratulate you on this spirit of loyalty." He wished the Pool success and offered to co-operate in any way he could at any time.

W. Norman Smith, editor of *The*

Nazi Terror Now Faces German Co-operators in Sudetenland, Says H. J. May

Hundreds of co-operative societies in the part of Czechoslovakia occupied by Germany last month are now Nazified and their officials are refugees. The central wholesale in Prague, with so many of its member societies wrecked, is in dissolution. German co-operators who have fled into the new Czech areas are living in dread of being forced back "to the German districts from which they came, and to all the terrors which that involves at the hands of their peaceful conquerors," states H. J. May, Secretary of the International Co-operative Alliance, in a recent interview.

Fruit Growing in Alberta

Fruit-growing in Alberta is developing to a point of practical realization, states the Extension Department of the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

By continued elimination of varieties and the introduction of new seedlings at the Provincial Horticultural Station at Brooks, cherries, plums, apples, small fruits and nuts have been brought to a state where the average home owner can raise sufficient for his own use, if not for sale.

The past season at the horticultural station at Brooks has been one of phenomenal growth, as no winter killing occurred. Yields of fruit, however, were cut down by late spring frost which caught the buds and decreased the yield of plums, crabs and apples to about four tons as compared with twenty tons in 1937.

This station is supported by the Department of Agriculture, and its work is to develop and propagate hardy varieties of fruits and ornamentals.

Western Farm Leader, said that he had been privileged to be associated in the field of publicity with the development of the farm co-operative movement in Alberta from its comparatively early stages; especially in marketing, and to follow the various Pools from the first stages of organization onward. To foster the co-operative movement in all its branches, and provide a means for publicity and education, was the aim of *The Western Farm Leader*.

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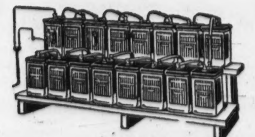
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While British financial and commercial interests in China will suffer vast losses owing to Japan's thinly veiled threat to abolish the "open door," Germany is to be given a large share in the exploitation of China, with Italy also participating. The Japanese blows against British (and also United States) interests, in South China, are direct results of the Munich Pact, authoritative sources claim, the capitulation of Britain and France to Germany having convinced the Japanese that Britain can now be successfully defied.

More than 500 log school houses are in use in Alberta. So far this year authority was given to build 23.

Agreements with the Provincial treasury branches (credit houses) recently established, have been signed by 43 Calgary stores and 65 in Edmonton.

Certified seed wheat, of second generation or lower, will be sold this year in Alberta at \$1 per bushel, it was decided at a meeting of the executive of the Alberta Registered Seed Growers' Association last week. The flat rate has been adopted in place of the premium plan previously used.

At East Wemyss, Scotland, a hundred years ago, a group of weavers and fishermen, in the grip of hard times, started a co-operative. For the first few years business was confined to barter of the products of the two groups; then the scope was enlarged and from that time continuously the co-operative has served its members as a general store.

He was doing his best to fit his key into the lock, singing a happy song meanwhile. After a time a head emerged through the window above. "Go away, you fool," cried the man upstairs. "You're trying to get into the wrong house!" "Fool yourself!" shouted back the man below. "You're looking out of the wrong window."

FARMERS ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION RE TARIFF BURDEN

President Gardiner States Production Costs Chief Problem of Western Agriculture

Declaring that production costs constitute the greatest problem Western Canadian farmers have to face, and pointing out that the tariff imposed for the benefit of manufacturers greatly increases these costs, President Robert Gardiner of the U.F.A., speaking at a meeting near Blackie last week, said that agriculture was clearly entitled to compensation for the burden which it was called upon to carry. The tariff burden was imposed by action of the Federal Parliament, and the farmers had the right to expect that the Government which actually devised tariff policy should devise compensatory measures.

Mr. Gardiner stressed the importance of the work being done to promote agricultural co-operation. Both in the field of marketing and in the field of buying—especially of farm supplies—great possibilities were opened up. He referred to the expansion of the business of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative which has been one of the notable features of the year in the co-operative field.

Should Form Solid Front

The President urged the farmers to form a solid front for the protection and advancement of their industry, irrespective of racial, religious and political differences. He pointed out that the increase in the public debt is a matter for which the farmers themselves have ultimate responsibility. It was for them to decide whether they pay through taxes for the services they called for, or increase the public debt in order to provide them.

Alex. Paul, U.F.A. Director for East and West Calgary, made a most capable chairman of the meeting. There was a good attendance and a particularly valuable question period at the end of Mr. Gardiner's address, when he dealt with many points raised by members of the audience.

SPORT

Alack-a-day for our "experting!" The Blue Bombers from Winnipeg trampled over the Roughriders from Regina 13-0 in the playoffs. As this column picked the Regina team to win the championship some vigorous alibiing is in order. Well, here goes.

The Roughriders lost Dean Griffing, all-Canadian centre, for six weeks. The Dean got into the final game but in no shape to play his usual effective part. Then the Roughriders fumbled when 8 yards out from the 'Peg line, ready to go over for a touch which would have changed the entire game. After that the Saskatchewan boys folded up.

Oh, yes, I know fumbles are made in every game and the best team fumbles least. I know it right well, but, golly, I need an alibi of some kind. Now I pick the 'pegs to beat Calgary, after which I duck.

The hockey wars start soon. The big leagues are hot on "kid lines." The oldsters are slowing up and youth must be served. Incidentally Charlie Connacher is attempting a comeback with Detroit. So far he has looked terrible in practise. But wait until the chips are down.

Competition should be keener this year as all teams have strengthened. Detroit and the N.-Y. Amerks do not look strong. The Canadians should ice a lightning fast team. The

"Spy Siren" Job



Mrs. Kate Moog Busch (above) testified she was impounded by the Nazi spy ring to become their Washington "siren" when she gave evidence at the spy trial in New York, in federal court against three spy defendants. Evidence of widespread Nazi spy activities in the United States, has been given during the course of the trials.

World Co-operatives May Lead Humanity Into Ways of Peace, says Warbasse

Describing the recent annual congress of the Co-operative League of the United States at Kansas City as a "Peace Congress," part of a world movement with vast possibilities of benefit to mankind, James P. Warbasse, president of the League, declared:

"When the Co-operative League was started, twenty-two years ago, the world was in the throes of a great war. There were co-operative societies in the U.S., but there was no co-operative movement. Today there is in this country such a growing movement."

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After addressing upwards of twenty meetings in the Okanagan and Fraser Valley districts, E. J. Garland, C.C.F. national organizer, spent last week on Vancouver Island. Mr. Garland reports good support for the C.C.F. in B.C.

Chi-hawks, winners last year, are going to have trouble repeating.

Now to baseball. Look for Billy Herman, of the Chi. Cubs, in a St. Louis Card uni. next year; and Ruddy York, Detroit slugger, in Connie Mack's fold; also "Big Poison" Waner away from the Pittsburgh Pirates; Eric McNair, of the Boston Red Sox, in Cleveland—maybe.

Edmonton, Calgary, Turner Valley, Drumheller, Olds, Lethbridge and Coleman all are speaking highly of their hockey talent. The immigration authorities report imports of hockeyists into Alberta at an all-time high. And they're not looking for any \$25 a month.

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CJCL's transmitting staff of Bob Henderson and Bob Thompson felt pretty pleased with the work of their 100 watt transmitter and its coverage when results of the recent wrestling tournament were made known. Listeners were asked for letters of comment, and a dial twister out on Vancouver Island had picked up the station during the hectic moments between the Purple Shadow and Chief Thunderbird. The fact that they were able to pick up Paul Boesch, guest radio commentator with Don Mackay during these broadcasts, indicates that the reception was good. Not bad say the two Bobs, and not bad is the echo from the studios too.

Apparently widespread interest is being taken in the Annual Christmas Cheer fund that CJCL makes it a point to conduct. Although November 1st was listed as the starting day donations had already arrived at the studios in the form of money and broken down toys. The plans for raising the fund again this year will find the various staff members singing, yodelling and generally speaking, stepping out of character at the demands of the listeners who can name the act through their contributions. Smiles n' Chuckles, Uncle Fred and the March of Fashion will be the programs dedicated to raising the fund.

Scoop Turner is noted as absent each time the roll call is sounded around CJCL studios these days. The little fellow who made a decided hit with the radio audience turned up missing and was finally located in the Edmonton ranks, appearing on a CJCA feature. Latest reports indicate that "Scoop" is making quite a hit in the North, just as he did in Calgary, but even at that his old studio pals are hoping that he'll land back here in Calgary, his home town. "Scoop" has mystified thousands of listeners as they've tried to figure out from a radio impression whether he's a boy, girl, or just what. If the truth is to be known Scoop Turner is 26 years old and when he stretches the limit he can almost measure four feet.

The studio telephones really buzzed last week when Miss Dorothy Brown started the French Conversational lessons over CJCL. Listeners were startled to hear a sudden series of what they thought were grunts and groans from someone in agony. But it all worked out that a French Professor was sounding the various vowels and phrases of the French language just as the French people do. This series of classes offering French students an opportunity to learn to speak French properly, has scored a decided hit with the high school crowd. Previously to arranging this series the station received a series of petitions including over 1,000 names, asking

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What's Doing ? at CFAC

A well-known ballad tenor for many years, Henry Burr, Canadian by birth, is now heard over CFAC Tuesdays and Fridays during the Uncle Ezra program at 8:45 p.m.

Mr. Burr is a native of St. John, and is a pioneer of the phonograph industry, having made many records in the days when the old horn-type gramophone was the chief source of entertainment to many homes. On his network broadcast, Mr. Burr continues to sing the type of songs which brought him so many "listeners" in the days before radio.

There are no backstage wives in radio. In the theatre, the traditional backstage wife waited in the wings for her thespian husband, but in radio, Mr. and Mrs. share the limelight.

Vivian Fridall, NBC actress, is responsible for that observation, and she should know. She plays the role of Mary Noble in the NBC serial, Backstage Wife, broadcast over CFAC every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:45 a.m.

"Radio women are smart," says Vivian. "They stay right up there with hubby. Among well known man and wife teams on the air are the Sweethearts of the Air (May Singhi Breen and Peter De Rose), Fred Allen and Portland Hoffa and Jack Benny and Mary Livingstone."

Featuring news on Hollywood stars and motion pictures, "Sound Track" made its premiere over CFAC last Tuesday and will continue to be heard regularly every Tuesday and Friday at 6:00 p.m. The title of course, is taken from the term used to designate the strip on the motion picture film upon which are recorded the sounds accompanying the action of the picture.

A first prize of \$5.00 and second prize of \$3.00 are now being offered on the "Ambitious Amateurs" program, heard Saturdays over CFAC from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. This is being done to further encourage amateur entertainers of all kinds who have so far been "hiding their light under a bushel." The program, which has been heard for a number of years over the Calgary Station, has uncovered much fine talent during that time, and continues to offer an opportunity for those who would like to find whether or not they have the ability to make a place for themselves in the entertainment world. All applications should be addressed to Ambitious Amateurs, care of Radio Station CFAC.

that the Extension Department program be included in the station operations. It is now heard three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 5:30.

Two thousand buffalo in Wainwright Park will be slaughtered this month and sold to an Alberta abattoir. The herd now numbers over 6,000.

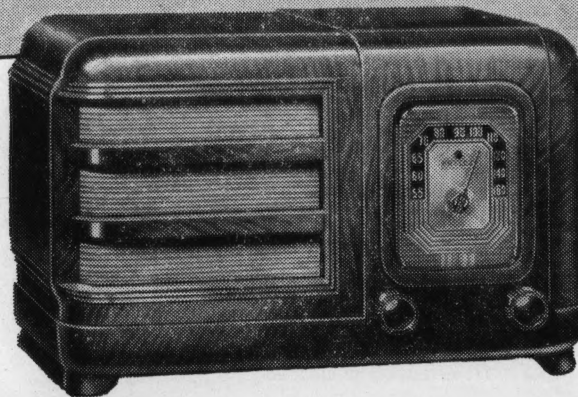
Overcome by carbon monoxide fumes in warming himself while plowing with a tractor at night, Glen Goddard of Olds was killed last week.

Action of the Provincial Government, in selling some City of Calgary bonds while an exchange agreement is pending, was declared by Mayor Davison to be "sharp and unethical." The agreement was suggested when Calgary proposed to cut interest on its bonds held by the Province, in retaliation for the Government's cutting of interest on Alberta bonds held by Calgary's sinking fund.

Pat: "Have you an almanack, Mike?"
Mike: "No, I have not."
Pat: "Then we'll have to take the weather as it comes."

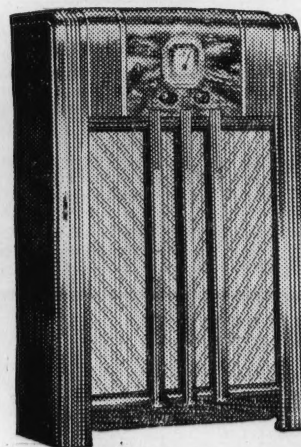
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Current News from Near and Far

PROVINCIAL

Unity organizations were set up in Vegreville and Vermilion constituencies last week.

Proposal of the United Farmers of Canada (Saskatchewan Section) for a "wheat strike" was rejected by the U.F.A. Executive.

The chief business to come before the special session of the Legislature, called for November 15th, will be the Turner Valley gas and oil situation.

Policy of the U.F.A. Central Office in joining forces with the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta for the promotion of study groups in Locals of the Association, was endorsed by the Executive.

Returning an open verdict on the recent death of a child in the Olds district, after inoculation for diphtheria, a coroner's jury stated the weight of evidence was in favor of inoculation, but that laboratory instructions must be strictly followed.

The appeal by Mercury Oils, against dismissal of its action to have the gas conservation act declared *ultra vires* of the Province and its orders declared null, will be heard in Edmonton, during the sittings of the appeal court to commence on Monday.

Farm debts still outstanding for advances made by the Provincial Government between 1917 and 1922 will be cancelled, announced Premier Aberhart last week. The debts aggregate \$3,821,000, and were "long ago outlawed," said Mr. Aberhart.

Appreciation of the fact that the Alberta Government has modified its policy in collection of claims in certain areas where the crop has proved light, in response to the urgent representations of the organizations, was expressed by the U.F.A. Executive last week.

Substantial increases in volume of farm supplies, particularly petroleum products, as compared with last year, are reported by the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association. Dividends totalling \$83,000 have been paid since the setting up of the co-operative in 1932.

Model Oils are operating to maximum capacity, in defiance of orders of the conservation board, declared W. C. Fisher, managing director, last week.

The Alberta Appeal Court last week reaffirmed its previous judgment that the Reduction and settlement of Debts Act was *ultra vires* of the Province.

Unemployed ex-service men are protesting the regulation of Provincial relief authorities providing for "voluntary" finger-printing in registering for relief.

Forest fires west of Barrhead, despite the efforts of some 500 firefighters, menaced settlers' homes and thirty families hurriedly fled the district Tuesday of last week.

Motor licenses issued in Alberta this year make a new record, reaching a total of 102,845 up to October 26th. The previous high figure of 100,000 was reached in the fiscal year 1928-29.

W. Hudson, Kathryn, was re-elected president of the Alberta Swine Breeders' Association at the recent annual meeting. A. Reumiller, Keoma, and Harry Hays, Calgary, are vice-presidents.

Two canvassers have been placed in the field by the U.F.A. Executive, to assist in increasing the membership of the Association by going from farm to farm under advisement of local workers.

Half the total amount due in claims against the Alberta Hail Insurance Board is covered in cheques issued this week; the balance will be paid on April 1st, H. A. Hennig, manager, announced.

DOMINION

The B. C. Legislature which convened last week, will have laid before it a bill for government control of public utilities.

Resentment against the suggestion that Eastern Canada was making a gift to the West of the Wheat Board was expressed in a resolution of the United Farmers of Manitoba, meeting in Brandon. Continuation of the Wheat Board was urged.

A world record in egg production has been set by the White Leghorn flock of Claude Vroom, Agassiz, B.C. Ten pullets in 51 weeks produced 2,862 eggs.

Succeeding Sir Frederick Haultain, who retired on account of advanced age, Mr. Justice Turgeon, who headed recent grain and textile inquiries, has been made Chief Justice of Saskatchewan.

Should Western Canada attempt to save herself by going into mixed farming, as advocated in some quarters, mixed farmers in other Provinces would face disaster, declared Premier Bracken to the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture.

Amalgamation of the United Grain Growers with Manitoba Pool Elevators, and eventually with the Saskatchewan and Alberta Wheat Pools, was advocated by Premier John Bracken in speaking to the United Farmers of Manitoba.

Negotiations are continuing on the Canadian-U.S. trade agreement, states an Ottawa despatch, but it is not now expected that they will be ready for Prime Minister Mackenzie King's signature on his return from the South, as was planned.

Hugh Plaxton, of Toronto, Liberal M.P., who helped Major Hahn arrange meetings with Government officials which led to the placing of the Bren gun contract, protested to the commission inquiring into the contract that as a Member of Parliament he was not subject to its jurisdiction.

Provision of a proper train to carry the King and Queen across Canada is beginning to worry Ottawa authorities, and construction of a new special train of four cars, to cost around \$600,000, is contemplated. If the Royal party is large, more cars would be required and the cost, of course, proportionately increased.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Winnipeg asked for Dominion legislation regulating co-operatives, and extension of the Wheat Board to Ontario. J. H. Wesson, of Saskatchewan, was elected president; H. H. Hannan, Ontario, and E. J. Chambers, B.C., vice-presidents; and George Coote, Nanton, Alberta, is secretary. W. C. McKenzie, Lethbridge, is another Alberta representative on the Board.

WORLD

Not because he cared about the Sudeten Germans but because he feared the German air force did Mr. Chamberlain sign the Munich Pact, declared Governor Terboven of the Rhineland; similarly, not desire for peace but a knowledge that German western defences were impregnable had actuated M. Daladier, he said.

While many things had happened since the Munich pact that people could not be too happy about, said Prime Minister Chamberlain in the House of Commons on Tuesday, the settlement was better than one reached by war. With reference to the Anglo-French guarantee to Czechoslovakia, he said it was not a pledge to defend the present or any frontier, but to assist in case of unprovoked aggression.

That the German-Italian conference in Vienna on Wednesday would speedily settle the Hungarian-Czechoslovakian question in accordance with Hitler's wishes was freely prophesied by observers. The common frontier desired by both Poland and Hungary is not approved by Hitler, but Hungary will probably get territory with from half to a million inhabitants, it is reported.

LEAGUE OFFICIALS RESIGN

Nearly thirty of the staff of the League of Nations will resign shortly, states a report from Geneva, in protest against the policy of retreating before dictators' threats; some have already been dismissed because of their anti-dictator views, it is stated.

At a cost of \$5,000,000, the British Government has bought 200,000 tons of Rumanian wheat.

Washington has sent a protest to Japan against interference with American interests in China.

Nazi newspapers warn Lithuania that the fate of Czechoslovakia will be hers unless she agrees to Memel autonomy.

President Roosevelt's investigating board recommends that U.S. railways withdraw their recent demand for all-round wage cuts.

Fascist forces in Spain reported on Monday that they had driven Government troops out of strong Ebro River positions.

Many of the candidates in the U.S. Congressional election campaign are pledged to one sort or another of old age pensions.

Nazi Germany demands return of all her pre-war colonies, declared General von Epp, secretary for colonies, in a recent address.

Asking that Jewish immigration into Palestine be halted, a delegation from the recent Moslem conference in Cairo reached London this week.

British troops captured Jaffa from Arab rebels on Monday. Since hostilities started in Palestine a loss of life of 393 Arabs, Jews and British, is reported.

Premier Daladier has announced a policy of Franco-German "collaboration" and is reported to have turned a friendly ear to Nazi suggestions of French press censorship.

Establishment of German air and submarine bases on the West African Coast would make it costly to defend the long coast of South America, a Buenos Aires writer points out.

General Beck, chief of the German general staff, and other leading officers, who are believed to have advised Hitler against war during the recent crisis, have resigned their posts.

Britain, in the Munich pact, has forfeited the respect of the world and lost her own self-respect, declared David Lloyd-George, adding, "And in the end there will be no peace; there will be war, and war without friends."

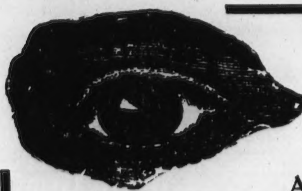
Chiefly because of "the way Germany is treating her religious and political minorities" the Union of South Africa opposes return to Germany of African colonies, declared J. H. Hofmeyer, former member of the cabinet.

Viscount Runciman, whose "mediation" in the Sudeten-Czech crisis was begun and carried out with a strongly pro-Nazi bias, has joined the Chamberlain Cabinet as lord president of the council. Malcolm MacDonald becomes Dominions secretary as well as secretary for the colonies; Earl de la Warr and Sir John Anderson are minister of education and lord privy seal; Earl Stanhope replaces Alfred Duff Cooper as First Lord of the Admiralty.

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In Letter to Prime Minister King,
President Stresses Agri-
culture's Need

"Drastic action" by the Government and Parliament of Canada, to remove the inequities suffered by the farm population, largely by reason of the tariff policy of the Dominion, is declared by President Robert Gardiner of the United Farmers of Alberta, addressed to the Prime Minister, Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, to be the only means by which the problems of agriculture may today be coped with.

The letter, mailed to the Prime Minister a few days ago, reads in part as follows:

Many Items Besides Wheat

"We recognize the value of the setting of a minimum price for wheat and realize what that policy may entail by way of loss to the Dominion treasury. We have expressed to you our appreciation of the action of your Government. We are sure, however, that no one who understands the developments of recent years believes this measure of assistance to agriculture will meet the situation. We would point out that although wheat is the largest single item in total farm production in Canada, there are many other items entering into total farm income for which the farmer is entitled to secure at least cost of production.

"There is no denying the fact that the economic policies of the Dominion have greatly added to the cost of production of farm produce. Tariff policy, railway policy, monetary policy, to mention only a few, have been carried out without proper consideration of their effect upon agriculture and other primary industries, with the result that the standard of living has been forced down to a level lower than those of other classes of citizens. It is an established fact that farmers as a class are heavily burdened with debt. This has been recognized by legislatures and Parliament in recent years. This debt condition has been brought about to no small extent by the policies of successive governments.

"Western Farmers have struggled for forty years or more against tariffs, which have had the effect of increasing their cost of operation but have suffered defeat at every turn, even at the hands of the low-tariff Liberal party.

"We recognize that modern business corporations have ways of adjusting themselves to government policy and are aware that monopolies can maintain price levels for their products notwithstanding changes in tariff. This is noteworthy in the case of manufacturers of agricultural implements.

Should Allay Discontent

"It must be very evident to you that there is a great deal of unrest in Western Canada. We are deeply conscious of the need for national unity and believe that active steps should be taken by your government to allay the discontent which is assuming such serious proportions in the West. It is our profound conviction that the fiscal and other policies of the Dominion should be shaped very definitely to reduce to the minimum the disabilities of the farmer who under succeeding governments over a period of long years has been required to sell his products in the open markets of the world, with widely fluctuating price levels, and to buy his goods and services at prices controlled and maintained at levels disproportionately high. As stated in our submission to the Royal Commission under Chief Justice Rowell, we believe that the Dominion

Scenes From War Zones

Depicting scenes from the Chinese and European war zones, sound films are now being shown at various Alberta centres by Arnold Robertson, president of the Calgary branch of the League for Peace and Democracy. Proceeds will be used for assistance of the victims of war. Places to be visited during the next week or two include Three Hills, Trochu, Carbon, Delia, Hanna, Youngstown, Coronation, Castor, Stettler, Big Valley, Mirror, Alliance, Forestburg.

Noted Speakers to Address Convention of U.F.A., January

Among speakers at the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, to be held in Calgary from January 17th to 20th inclusive, will be Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., and Watson Thomson, M.A., of the Department of Extension, University of Alberta.

Mr. Thomson, whose subject will be "International Affairs," has a wide experience, and is well known as an educationalist and speaker. He was formerly Commissioner of Education in West Africa, and later associated with the publication *New Britain*, in London.

On Thursday of Convention week a special social evening will be held, when the entire program will be broadcast. There will be an orchestra and dancing. Greetings will be received from other farm organizations, and there will be brief statements by officials of the organization during interludes in the program.

Government should remove these inequities and provide a national policy that will assure to the farmer at least his cost of production for all produce marketed.

"For many years the farmers of Canada, particularly those of the West, have sought by co-operative and other methods to improve their conditions and with some measure of success; but not adequate to meet the rapid changes which have taken place in the economic system. We have come to the conclusion that nothing short of drastic action by the supreme authority, the Government and Parliament of Canada, is sufficient to meet and cope with these problems.

"The United Farmers of Alberta are ready and willing at any time to give any assistance within our power towards these ends."

Plan Extension of Wholesale Services to Southern Stores

Important Conference — Christensen
States Desirable Co-ops. Be
non-Political

Steps towards effective extension of the services provided by the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale to stores in the more southerly part of the Province were taken at an important conference called by A. H. Christensen, Supervisor of Co-operative Activities for the Department of Trade and Industry, and held in Calgary last week. In the northern part of the Province it is expected that the number of stores served by this central body, which is acting as a purchasing agent, will in the near future be not less than 50.

Mr. Christensen, addressing the conference, declared that the co-operative movement possessed as good brains as were to be found anywhere. He stressed the importance of the monthly returns required of stores by his department. Referring to the act concerning co-operative activities passed last session, he stated that it was desirable that co-operative organizations should be non-political.

James Dann of Vulcan was the elected chairman of the meeting. Ed. Peterson, Secretary of the A.C.W., in the unavoidable absence of the president, E. R. Rasmussen, described the progress of the wholesale; and Robert McKay, manager of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Wholesale, brought greetings from that organization; while the Manager, David Smeaton, answered many questions to the satisfaction of those present. Registrations totalled 47. W. D. King, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industries, brought greetings and good wishes.

Express Appreciation

In a letter to the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, President Robert Gardiner, writing in behalf of the U.F.A. Executive, expressed a desire to "place on record... on behalf of the members of our organization and other farmers of this Province, our sincere appreciation of the setting of a minimum price for wheat delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board at 80 cents No. 1 Northern, basis Fort William. "We were disappointed, of course," Mr. Gardiner added, "that the price was not set at 87-1/2 cents as requested by our organization and many other agricultural and public bodies. We are not unmindful, however, of the difficulties attending upon policies of this kind and are accordingly expressing our thanks."



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Plan Co-op. Store

Plans for a co-operative store in Medicine Hat were advanced at a well-attended meeting addressed by A. H. Christensen, supervisor of co-operative activities, last week. It is intended to purchase a local store. J. Lorraine and J. S. McNaught are the leaders in the movement.

"SPORTSMEN ON THE FARM"

A second article on "Sportsmen on the Farm" by W. J. S. Walker, is unavoidably held over.

Jack Byers recently resigned the managership of the Western Stock Growers' Association to become supervisor of livestock in the four Western Provinces, for the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

Development of rust resistant wheats saved prairie farmers \$30,000,000 in 1938, Major H. G. L. Strange, of the Searle Grain Company, recently estimated.

Light snow over the northern part of the Province, and threatening clouds and fogs in the south, marked the beginning of November and the end of the clear, mild weather that has prevailed since the beginning of September. Moisture will be welcomed.

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MAURICE HINDUS' NEW BOOK

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Dear Farm Women:

Twice before I have commented to you on books by Maurice Hindus. First, I told you of his "Humanity Uprooted" and later his "Red Bread." Now I am going to comment about a still later one—"Green Worlds" (Doubleday, Doran and Co. Inc., New York).

Compares Farm Communities

This book will, I fancy, be of interest to many who continue to read of the great social experiments that Russia is making. I am sure, however, it will be of greater interest to us farm people than to others, because continually throughout the book he compares the life of the people in the farming community of Mount Brookville with life in his own village in Russia. He lived there until he was fourteen and then with his family moved to New York. But he was not happy there and wanted to get out into the country. Through an agency he got a job as hired man in Brookville in up-state New York, although he says he has given the village and the people fictitious names, of course, for obvious reasons.

It is an excellent study of the differences of individual and community characteristics of the old Russian farming village and a farming community of the Eastern States. As he describes life in the former it seems small wonder there was a revolution when one considers the beggarly existence, the squalor, the misery and wretchedness of life for so many under the old regime. It was a continual struggle and for mere existence depended on harshness and cruelty which made those resultant qualities of the people.

Old Village of Czarist Times

I noted that one place he remarked, when speaking of his old village, "There was nothing more pathetic than its cruelty to its animals and nothing more cheering and more lofty in the civilization of Mount Brookville than man's friendliness to domestic animals. It added grace and joy and nobility to farming and to living."

Hindus describes his fascination for the more modern tools and methods of working; his "getting the hang of things" with Jim whose hired man he was. Jim, who loved his bees and animals possibly more than people, and only once gave way to violent

anger with them. That was when he was finishing milking a heifer for the first time and the barn cat jumped down on the hay and frightened the heifer so that she kicked the milk pail twice and thoroughly drenched him from head to foot.

There are, of course, similarities between the people and the life of the two countries. For instance, when I say that Hindus states that two of the greatest trials of Russian farm life were the mud and the flies, I am sure you will agree there is something in common.

Rushed Into Machine Age

But he comments that the American villages grew into the machine age while the Russian villages raced into it. And they raced into them and into their social changes with so little consideration for people or obstacles as to cause unnecessary havoc and misery.

After contemplation, he remarks "If ever they (the Americans) embark on a scheme of socialized agriculture, they will do so in a manner that suits their temper and their condition and in which the element of compulsion will have no place."

But it is more than a picture of Russian and American farming life of a decade or so ago. He gives us a picture of them both today. The contrast in the American farming community of that time and today is not entirely a happy one. Russia is looking forward with great hope to the future.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

East Vegreville U.F.W.A. Local is still on the map, with eleven members, holding monthly meetings, reports Mrs. E. J. Walker. Members have drawn for Christmas gifts, each to be hand-made and not to cost more than 25 cents.

A survey of nutrition and family living costs, throughout Canada, is to be begun shortly under the auspices of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

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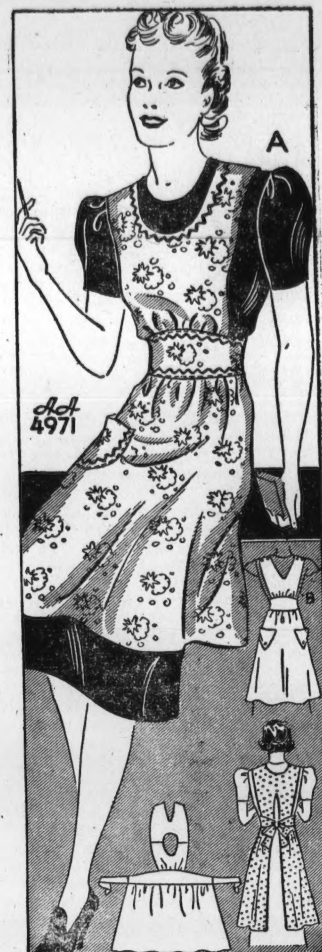
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Draft Program for Women's Convention

A tentative program for the U.F.W.A. Annual Convention, to be held in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, January 17th to 20th, was drawn up by the U.F.W.A. Executive, at their recent meeting in Calgary. Mrs. Marie Malloy, president, Mrs. Winifred Ross and Mrs. Mary Banner, vice-presidents and Miss Eileen Birch, secretary, were in attendance.

The committee also drew up the program for Locals for 1939, and copies will be mailed to Local secretaries within the next week or two.

After a discussion on the Youth Rehabilitation Scheme, the Executive interviewed J. H. Ross, with particular reference to the courses open to rural youth. At least one representative will be sent to the Provincial Youth Congress.

While in the city, the Executive attended a meeting of the Federation of Women; and also met the U.F.A. Executive in joint session for one day.

Calgary relief recipients in September numbered 6,975, a drop of almost 3,000 from the figure of 9,895 for September, 1937.

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Cheese Souffle: Melt 3 tablespoons butter and blend in 4 tablespoons flour; add 1/2 teaspoon salt, a little cayenne and a pinch of mustard, and 1 cup milk. Cook until thick, and add 3/4 cup grated cheese and beaten yolks of 3 eggs. Cool, and add stiffly beaten whites of 3 eggs; pour into buttered baking dish and bake in a slow oven 30 to 40 minutes.

Chop Suey: Cook half a pound spaghetti or macaroni in rapidly boiling water for 10 minutes, add salt, and drain. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in frying pan, add 2 onions chopped, and 1-1/2 cups chopped celery and cook slowly for 10 minutes; add 3 cups canned tomatoes, 1 tablespoon each salt and sugar and 1/4 teaspoon pepper; then add spaghetti and cook slowly for 30 minutes. Fry half pound minced raw beef in small cakes; just before serving, crumble over the top of the mixture and serve very hot.

Rhubarb in Winter: Dig up some rhubarb roots just before winter sets in, and leave out, exposed to frost, for ten days or two weeks. Then set close together in the cellar, in a box or on the floor; the roots may be set in soil, but this is not essential; however, they must be kept moist. The stalks that come up will be a better color if the roots are kept in almost total darkness. The temperature of the cellar should be 50 to 60 degrees for best results.

Peace is in sight. The Christian nations are agreeing to protect each other from one another.

Asking the League of Nations to make it a dishonorable act for any nation to allow its producers of raw materials to suffer starvation or the ignominy of receiving relief, Griffin Creek U.F.W.A. heartily endorsed a resolution passed by the Peace River Women's Institutes. At an earlier meeting, this Local heard interesting papers on "New Zealand Under Socialism" and "The Same Minimum Price at All Points."

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But now, as the world gasps and gazes,

They plan to make gold.

While Midas's art they're pursuing

They don't give a hoot for finance.

When atoms they're busy undoing

Their motto is 'on with the chance.

Nor do they sufficiently ponder

The fact that today's gold supply

In holes here and there and down yonder

Is simply laid by.

With plastics and glass and cosmetics,

With tray culture, tree culture, germs,

With human and rat dietetics,

Let scientists make their own terms.

But gold!—Though if asked for relation

To reason I'll candidly flunk!—

Gold must flow in strict moderation

Or else we are sunk!

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

Held Socialist Author, Admitted Fascist Relative

While John Strachey, Socialist author (who has never been a member of the Communist party, as was erroneously stated in the press) was being held at Ellis Island, another member of the Strachey family, Major James Strachey Barnes, lecturer on Fascism and honorary member of the Italian National Fascist party, entered the country unchallenged. The New York *Nation* comments that while it has no desire to "stand between Major Barnes and the ladies' clubs," it "cannot see why sauce for Cousin John is not equally good sauce for Cousin Jim." John has now been allowed to enter the United States on condition that he does not give his projected lectures.

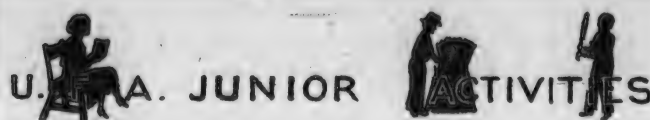
Munich Pact Described as "Dubious and Uneasy Peace"

Forty Attend Conference at Okotoks—U.F.W.A. Vice-President and Others Speak

Addresses and reports by Mrs. Winifred Ross, Vice-president of the U.F.W.A., Mrs. E. J. Garland, Director for Bow River, Mrs. Norman F. Priestley, and Mrs. Norman Smith of *The Western Farm Leader*, featured the East and West Calgary U.F.W.A. Conference held in Okotoks last week, when forty women attended a most successful gathering, presided over by Mrs. D. Herr, Director for the constituency.

Rearmament Speeded Up

Mrs. Norman Smith, who spoke by invitation on the subject of the crisis in Europe, reviewed the events which led up to the pact of Munich and world developments which have followed. The peace brought by Munich, she said, was very dubious and uneasy. Full satisfaction could not be felt in a momentary peace built upon the sacrifice of another and smaller democracy, to a Fascist power. That the peace would not be lasting was



Peace and Liberty Gravely Threatened, Says Congress Call

Alberta Youth Congress to Be Held in Calgary, November 11-13

"At no time in the history of the Congress movement have there been such threats to Peace and Liberty—threats that strike at the life of Youth and Youth Movements," declares the call to the Alberta Youth Congress, to be held in McDougall Church, Edmonton, November 11th, 12th and 13th.

Each local youth group may send five delegates, and all organizations are urged to send delegates and observers. The more delegates, it is pointed out, the more representative will be the discussions and the more unanimous the action taken.

strongly indicated by the redoubled efforts of the Chamberlain Government in rearmament.

Greetings From Bow River

Mrs. Garland brought greetings, and recounted the many-sided objectives of the organization, all directly connected with the welfare of farm homes. Mrs. Priestley reported for Calgary U.F.W.A.

The U.F.W.A. Executive, in its recent session, had made several recommendations to the men's Executive, meeting the same week, said Mrs. Winifred Ross, U.F.W.A. Vice-president, adding that "for once, our advice was taken without a murmur." Mrs. Ross, who substituted for Mrs. Malloy, told of plans for the winter's activities and for the Annual Convention.

Members of the Okotoks U.F.A. were present for most of the session. Two young dancers, introduced as "high school girls" gave a very lively Irish dance, in costume. The Okotoks Local served a delicious lunch of sandwiches, olives and pickles; cake and ice cream and coffee. A display of handicrafts was the centre of interest before and after the meeting.

The Congress will be divided into five commissions, and it is urged that each Youth organization has a contribution to make to all these commissions. The commissions are:

Peace Action—All problems connected with the establishment of permanent world peace.

Youth Rehabilitation—Reviewing and estimating the Dominion-Provincial Youth Rehabilitation Plan. This Commission is to be subdivided to consider Urban and Rural aspects but the Commission will present but one joint report.

Industrial and Economic—All problems relative to industry, such as: conditions of labor, wages, unions, etc. Also economic problems, such as: unemployment, grain prices, etc.

Health and Recreation—All problems connected with Health and Recreation.

Education—An estimate of the educational field in this Province. It is also suggested that this Commission deal with Civil Liberties.

Additional copies of the Program or Registration Form may be had from the Chairman of the Program Committee: E. D. Jenkinson, 517 Twentieth Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta.

World Youth Congress Endorses Co-operation as Influence for Peace

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.—Resolutions advocating Co-operatives as one of the most practical and effective means of increasing security for youth, preventing their being sacrificed in another world war and aiding materially in reducing the high cost of securing an education, were presented before the World Youth Congress recently held here by Mary Jo Weiler, youth director of the North Dakota Farmers' Union, chairman, and Joyce Hetherington of Canada, secretary, on behalf of a special conference of thirty co-operative youth leaders attending the Congress as delegates and observers.

The mechanically-minded tractor (Continued on page 15)

ATTENTION, ALBERTA FARM YOUTH!

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At Least Another Board of Review for Province Asked by Executive Board U.F.A.

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Setting up at the earliest possible date of at least one more Board of Review for Alberta under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act is urged in a letter in behalf of the U.F.A. Executive addressed by Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President, to Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Finance. The Executive also ask that the "rate of interest be not allowed higher than the prevailing rate of 5 per cent."

The Executive, Mr. Priestley informed the Minister, "are confirmed in the opinion expressed at various times to your Government that in the F.C.A.A. we have an instrument for the reduction of farm indebtedness of great value. We are urgently desirous that large numbers of farmers who cannot see their way out of debt under existing price levels for farm products, should avail themselves of this legislation."

"We are aware, however, that it is impossible to deal effectively with this problem in any comprehensive manner with only one Board of Review in the Province."

This action followed a discussion by the Executive of the whole problem of legislation concerning farm indebtedness, from both a Provincial and a Dominion standpoint. The discussion was led by J. E. Brownlee, who placed most valuable information on the legal aspects of the subject of farm debt before the committee.

So far, 64.5 per cent of Alberta's 1938 wheat crop has graded No. 2 Northern or higher.

Should Get Proper Advice Before Documents Signed

Farmers Urged Not to Sign New
Agreements re Debts

Farmers are urged "not to sign any new agreements respecting past indebtedness without first obtaining proper advice as to the meaning and implications of the documents they are asked to sign."

This advice is given in a circular to all U.F.A., U.F.W.A. and Junior Locals issued by Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President, as the result of a discussion by the Executive of the Association which is referred to elsewhere.

"We are anxious to place our organization at the service of farmers in this connection," Mr. Priestley adds, "and we invite them to consult us, as we may be able to assist them at very little cost."

Hog entries in the Calgary Fall Shows, held this week, were the largest in the history of the show, and in the opinion of some judges, the finest.

Final payment for the 1937 Alberta beet crop brings the total price to \$6.32 per ton, compared with \$6.65 for the previous year.

Hog sales in Alberta during the first 10 months of the year totalled 547,667 as compared with 720,102 during the same period in 1937.

Meeting in Calgary recently, the Veterinarians' Association of the Province discussed the probable recurrence of encephalomyelitis in Alberta next year. Treatment would be preventive rather than curative, it was said.

World Wheat Situation

The wheat market has been drifting along like a rudderless ship with prices changing very little. The British market has again become a dumping ground for the cheap wheat of the world. International relations also are a factor in that market. As evidence thereof witness the purchase from Rumania of 10 million bushels of wheat.

The conditions of crops in Argentina and Australia are now of pressing importance. In the former country there has been no damage to date and the wheat crop is coming along fine. Drought has been the greatest menace in Australia, but recently rains have been experienced over virtually the whole of the wheat belt. These rains will improve conditions, but a bumper crop there is out of the question.

As time goes on the condition of the winter wheat crop in the United States will be of growing importance. At the present time complaints are being received of dry weather and it is reported that half the wheat areas in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas are suffering from drought. It is also said that acreage has been substantially reduced due to a combination of the AAA program and the dry weather.

The world wheat production in 1938 is now estimated at 4,365 million bushels by the United States Department of Agriculture. This is about 20 million bushels more than the estimate made a month ago and about 525 million bushels greater than the 1937 harvest. In making this estimate, Argentina is credited with a crop of 250 million bushels and Australia with 140 million.

On the basis of present supply estimates and a moderate increase in world disappearance the world wheat carryover on July 1st, 1939 is expected to be about 1,165 million bushels, or only 30 million less than the record in 1933.

After allowing for domestic requirements and carryover there appears to be about 900 million bushels of wheat available for export in exporting countries. It is calculated that the international trade will be about 550 million bushels.

It is hoped that the cheapness of wheat will attract increased purchasing, but the restrictions being imposed by continental European countries against imports is discouraging.

Calgary City Council will conduct an enquiry into local milk prices.

OTTAWA LETTER

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bers because of the additional cost to the general taxpayer if the guaranteed price were raised.

Manion Against Unification

Those who believe in unification as a solution for the railway problem are likely to gain little more support in the next session than they did in the last. Dr. Manion, the new leader of the National Conservative party, who is seeking election in the London by-election, has come out very strongly against unification claiming that the estimated saving through unification of 75 million dollars annually was based on the 1930 traffic figures. He thinks that an addition of three million to the population would end the railway problem. Dr. Manion was Minister of Railways under Mr. Bennett. The next session will test out Dr. Manion as a party leader. He has already proved himself in years past as a vigorous, able and courageous debater, but it is still to be seen what success he will have in erecting a convincing platform to place before the people and in rallying and creating enthusiasm among his followers. He has the advantage of great personal popularity.

Increase Defence Estimates?

National defence will undoubtedly be a subject of prolonged discussion. Since the last session there has been the European crisis with its stark revelation of the instability of the foundation of world security. It is

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Nov. 1st.—The cattle market has been moderately active with prices steady. Good butcher steers sold at \$4.50 to \$5, common to medium \$3.75 to \$4.25; good to choice heifers \$3.75 to \$4.50; good cows \$2.75 to \$3; canners and cutters \$1.25 to \$1.50; good bulls \$2.75 to \$3. Good stocker and feeder steers were quoted at \$3.75 to \$4.50, common \$3 to \$3.50; good stocker cows and heifers \$2.50 to \$3.25, common \$1.75 to \$2.25. Good to choice veal calves were \$4.50 to \$5.50. The hog market was slightly higher with selects \$8.10, hogs \$7.60 and butchers \$7.10 off trucks. Good handyweight lambs were \$6.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Nov. 1st.—The cattle market has been fairly active with prices fully steady. Good steers were \$4 to \$4.50, common to medium \$2 to \$4; good light heifers \$3.50 to \$4, common to medium \$2 to \$3.25; good cows \$2.75 to \$3; canners and cutters \$2 down; bulls \$2.25 to \$2.75. Better kinds of stockers and feeders sold at \$3 to \$4, others \$2.75 down. Good fed calves were \$5 to \$6. The hog market was stronger with selects \$8, hogs \$7.50 and butchers \$7 off trucks. Peace River hogs sold at \$7.75 for hogs fed and watered. Top lambs were quoted at \$5.50, yearlings \$3 down and ewes \$2.50 down.

Milk and Cream Prices

There has been very little change in Canadian butter markets, but the British market has been showing a somewhat hardening tendency and this should have some effect on Canadian markets. It would seem likely that most buyers must be getting low in stock and accordingly a buying wave is expected. A seasonal increase in consumption is noticeable and a corresponding decrease in production has also taken place, which two facts should improve market conditions in general. Winnipeg is quoted at 22-3/4, Toronto 22-1/4, Winnipeg 21 and Vancouver 22. Local prices are unchanged with first-grade prints at 23c and special grade butter fat 17c. City milk is \$2.35 per cwt. Calgary and \$2.23 Edmonton for 3.6. butter-fat.

Further pressure is being brought on Mexico by the U.S.A. to meet the former owners' terms for compensation for expropriated oil wells.

believed defence estimates will be increased. During these discussions the report of the Bren gun inquiry will come in for reference, but the tenor of this particular part of the discussion will, of course, depend on the sort of report given by Judge Davis, the commissioner conducting the investigation.

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Winners in Junior Elimination Contests Are Announced

Winners of the final elimination contests for the privilege of representing Alberta at the Royal Show at Toronto in the junior judging contests for grain, beef cattle, dairy cattle and swine respectively, were as follows, according to an announcement made by the Extension Department of the Alberta Department of Agriculture:

Clifford Tebb and Dick Clayton of the Airdrie Junior Wheat Club; Howard Henderson and Gordon Towers of the Red Deer Junior Beef Calf Club; Joan Webb and Elaine Hamilton of the Lethbridge Junior Dairy Calf Club and Francis Blondheim and Lloyd Cook of the Liberty Junior Swine Club.

Teams Taking Part

The final contests for the Province were held in Edmonton and the following summary indicates the teams taking part in the contests, the members thereof, and the points won by each team:

Grain Clubs.—Airdrie, Clifford Tebb, Dick Clayton, 665; Andrew, Mike Hunka, Robt. Hamilton, 644; Grande Prairie, Jas. Sebastian, John McDonald, 641; Foremost, David Elford, Jack Thompson, 634; Bon Accord, Bill Gibbons, Fred Hutchings, 624; Donalds, Francis Lee, Elmer Erickson, 579.

Beef Cattle.—Red Deer, Howard Henderson, Gordon Towers, 582; St. Lina, Wilma Sutton, Doreen Sutton, 567; North Edmonton, Melvin Ash, Jack Burns, 562; Lethbridge, Bernice Robertson, Robt. Bathgate, 599.

Dairy Cattle.—Lethbridge, Joan Webb, Elaine Hamilton, 603.

Swine Clubs.—Liberty, Francis Blondheim, Lloyd Cook, 673; Cardston, Ross Low, Thurston Smith, 647; Erskine, Earl Morrison, Jack McGladrie, 530.

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Pegging Necessary to Prevent Economic Collapse, Is Stated

Pegging of the price of wheat was necessary to prevent an economic collapse in Western Canada during the fall of this year, Leonard D. Nesbitt stated in a broadcast given last Thursday in the Round Table discussion sponsored by the University of Alberta.

Record Breaking Crop

"This year," said Mr. Nesbitt, "has witnessed in the world the production of a record-breaking wheat crop of 4,365,000,000 bushels. The surplus producing countries have on hand, or on the way, two bushels for every one required by importing nations. No free marketing system could stand up against such a situation without ruinously low prices. Every nation of any account is aiding domestic wheat producers by tariff, embargo or bonus. . . .

"The policy of the Dominion has been to bonus secondary industries. The nation's industrial life was built on bonuses. That condition prevails today," said the speaker in answer to a question. . . . "In the past twenty-eight years between the Great Lakes and the Rockies wheat farmers have produced seven and a half billion dollars of new wealth, a record of activity unparalleled in the history of the world. Surely the welfare of that industry must rank second to none other in Canada. I sympathise with all primary producers who suffer from low prices. That, unfortunately, seems to be a common fate of those people. But the ruination of wheat producers with forty cent wheat will not help fruit farmers in British Columbia or fishermen in Nova Scotia. And the aiding of this vitally important class of people over a serious situation will help all Canada.

"We should remember that Eastern Canadians know very little about Western conditions. To the average person in Eastern Canada the West is really a foreign land. For years a steady stream of wealth poured from it, which was quite satisfying.

Tell Story to East

"Latterly there has been trouble—droughts, pests and lack of markets; also demands for aid and fixed prices for wheat. This is all confusing, alarming and mystifying to the people of the East. The words and actions of some statesmen do not help smooth the trouble. I believe the West must find some means of telling its story to the East. We in the West know all about wheat. It is, figuratively and literally, our "bread and butter." But the East does not. That is regrettable. . . .

"Canada, I believe, should adopt some form of planning for agriculture, but I do not think this should be in the form of severe regimentation. There can and should be some form of broad planning to supplant the go-as-you-like idea which has been followed in the West since settlement started. This crop year we have eighty cent wheat. But next year we may be looking back with envy on that price. I hope this will not turn out to be true, but the possibility exists."

Alexander Calhoun, chairman of the Calgary Round Table group, D. W. Clapperton and W. Norman Smith took part in the discussion.

President to Broadcast

Robert Gardiner, President of the U.F.A., will deliver a series of three addresses over station CFMN from 7:45 to 8 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, November 21st, 23rd and 25th. The addresses will deal with problems of the farm people of Alberta. Locals of the organization are organizing gatherings to listen to the addresses.

Canadian exports of bacon to Great Britain increased from 919,000 cwt in 1935 to 1,387,000 in 1937.

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CANADIAN DEFENCE

"Canada would be better defended today by a strong League of Nations, or even by a strong alliance between England, France and Russia, than she ever can be by the British Commonwealth alone."—Professor Frank R. Scott of McGill University.

Applicable to 1938-39 crops only, the Argentinian Chamber of Deputies have given power to the President to fix minimum prices of wheat, flaxseed and corn, or to subsidize these grains in any way deemed advisable.

LISTEN, FOLKS!

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By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Cynical Gus declares that sometimes a man marries a woman for the bread she bakes, and she wants him for the dough he's got.

Postcard from Knotty Frankie states that no matter how hard a stenographer works her finger nails are going in the red.

And the Bad Egg from Crow's Nest dropped in yesterday to tell us a man choosing between two evils can always be depended upon to choose the one he enjoys the most.

WHEN TIME DIDN'T MARCH

On Saturday, October 29th, the CBC radio newscast carried a story that the film "The March of Time" dealing with Czechoslovakia, had been banned in England. *The Western Farm Leader* told that to its readers weeks ago. Read it in your own family Journal WHILE IT IS NEWS.

Stenographers in the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, are not allowed time off for afternoon tea. Certainly not! They ought to know that only members of the House are allowed to waste the people's time.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

People should make the best of the troubles they already have instead of going around looking for more.

POETRY DEPARTMENT

To Sydney May

Dear Syd, on reading your kind words
My mind is in a whirlie—
So many years have come and gone
Since I've been called a girlie.

—I.G.J.

To which we beg leave to reply
thusly:

To Isa Grindlay Jackson

Dear I.G.J., I'm bound to say—
(Although I'm now repeating)

For witty rhymes to music's
chimes,

You'll take a lot of beating.

And I avow, right here and now,

In this world's hurly-burly

A femme so bright sheds such

delight

She'll always be a girlie.

—I.G.J.

CLARESHOLM NEWS

(Specially reported for this column by our Keyhole Correspondent)

Our esteemed fellow townsman Mr. Cholmondeley Bicester has just been awarded the Ignoble Prize for being the most perfect husband unburi. In his behalf it was claimed that he is always willing to grant his wife her smallest wish—provided it is small enough.

Paradoxical as it may sound, a gal who is always fishing for compliments seldom gets a bite.

TODAY'S BRIGHT THOUGHT

A guy who's on the water
wagon is better off.

—Thenx to M.A.L., Beiseker.

Toy exports from Japan are reported to be increasing by leaps and bounds. Proving, of course, that the Nipponese intend making game of the rest of the world.

Communication from Mister Gloom insists that woman can describe her whole married life with a single sigh.

OMIGOSH!

TO LET—Furnished room for lady. Semi-private bath. Phone evening. —Classified ad in a Crofton (Pa.) paper. Tough luck. We've just had our phone taken out.

"Girl Stolen From Bathtub."—headline. And no doubt that's why

the kidnapers made a clean getaway. Here's soaping, however, that she was rescued later and the affair was a complete washout.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied, that a one-armed driver has a lot of tight squeezes. At least, that's what Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, tells us.

SO NOW YOU KNOW WHY, GIRLS

(Replying to M.G., Vancouver)

You say you cannot understand
Why I write love songs when no
wife is mine.

Need I pluck roses with my hand
To know their fragrance which
is so divine?

And here's a reason which is plain,
Why I can write and feel love's
very thrall—

I'm not tied up to any jane
And so I'm free, my dear, to
love them all.

You dare me then to say the words:
"Wilt wed me Lil?" Ah, now
just see you frown—

I'll say 'em, just because, you see
I know, my dear, that you will
turn me down.

ALBERTA LIMERICKS

(Kinosis)

Now Nellie Nun such of Kinosis,
Whose cheeks were the color of
rosis;

Well, she could not get a feller,
For no one would tell her
That the poor gal had got halitosis.

Contribs who have gone to sleep and those who have not yet contributed, can save time by addressing their pomes, wise crevasses, and slams at this column, direct to Sydney May, c/o. Henderson Secretarial School, Calgary. Thanks a lot.

Says a New York writer: "The progress of mankind has depended on no single people." And even that won't tempt me to get married, snorts Wally, our incurable bach.

The man who knows when to sit down is the one who can rise to the occasion.

WARNING

Beneath this rock

They buried Lydd;

A little crock...

A little skid.

—I.G.J.

BEDTIME STORY

By Mrs. Fee Simple

And now children: Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard, to get her poor dog a bone. When she got there, the cupboard was bare, but did that worry our Mother Hubbard, children? No, little ones, it did not bother her one itty bitsy. Do you know why, you little brats? Well, the dear old soul noticed that her pet mongrel was licking his chops, so she fried the chops and they both lived happily ever after. Or at least until the nasty old m-o-r-t-g-a-g-e fell due. But (as the eeny-weeny lad remarked as he snipped off the southern extremity of a feline) that's another tale. Now scam off to beddy or you won't get your ginger tomorrow.

AND HOW

The boss who's friendly with his staff

Can give competitors the laugh.
(Horse kind).

Fern of Fernie opines that honest opinion of some people is that they aren't.

WHY TEACHERS GET GREY

"Marconi is what you use to
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(Continued from page 11)

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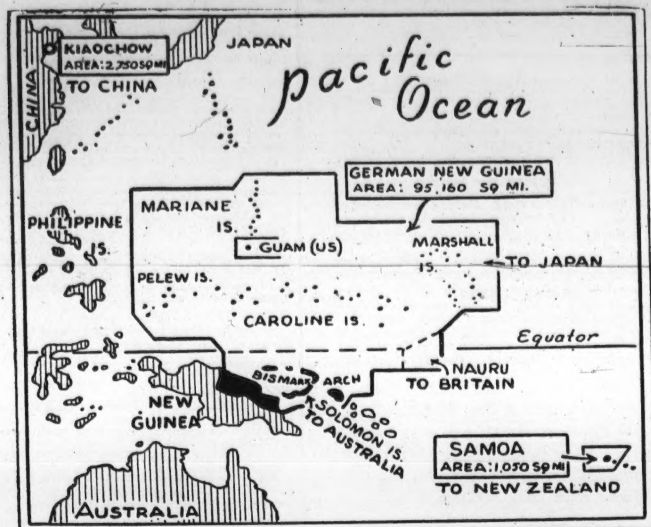
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Hitler Demands Return of Colonies Now League Mandates



Having inflicted on Britain and France at Munich what Winston Churchill described as a "total defeat", Hitler is now demanding the return of all former German colonies which were placed under League of Nations mandate in 1919. Inspired sources say that if he consents to take less than all, he will insist on "compensation" or "reparations" for those he doesn't take,—at the expense of Belgium and Portugal, perhaps. A powerful pro-Nazi group in the British Conservative party who were active in the recent crisis, have been led to encourage plans for strengthening the Nazi state. But white and native populations in Africa are reported in overwhelming numbers to be opposed to the surrendering of any territory to totalitarian rule.

In the map on the right former German colonies are shown in black. The dotted area on the West Coast indicates the district which it is believed Hitler would allow Britain to hand over to him in exchange for West Africa and Tanganyika. But it belongs to Belgium, and the Belgian Government indignantly insists it will not give the territory up. It was owned by Belgium long before the Great War.

The map on the left shows former German possessions in the Pacific. The Labor Government of New Zealand has been particularly successful in

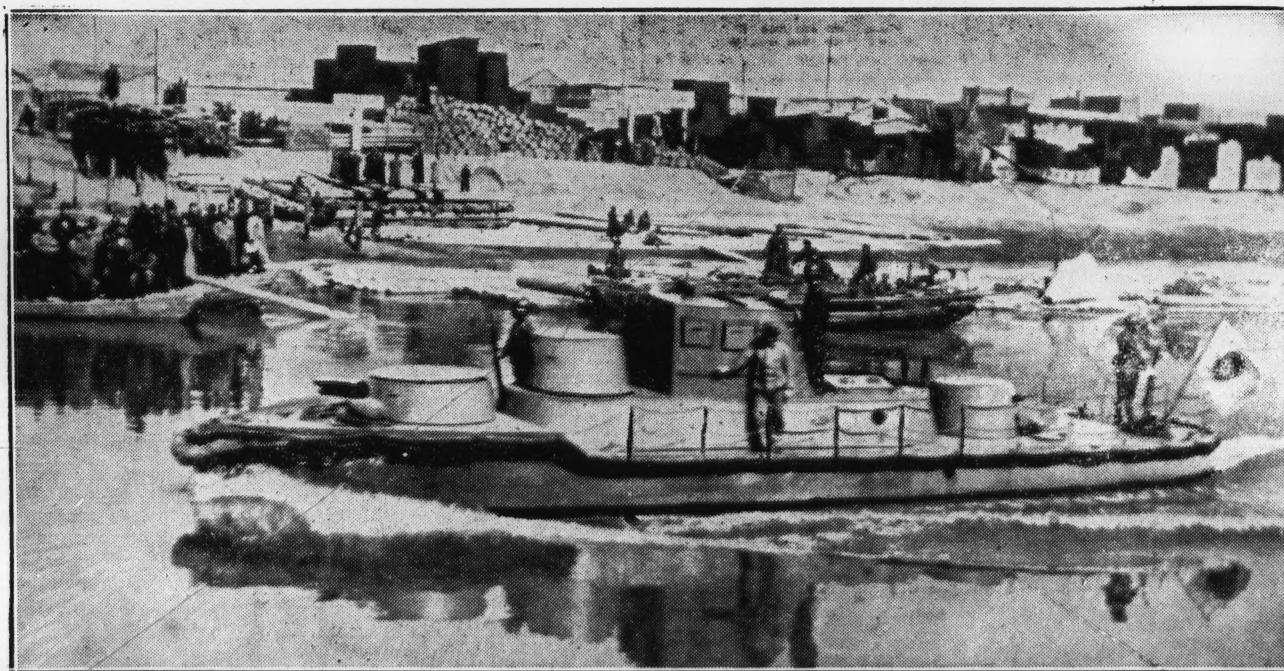


administering its mandate for Samoa, where the native population have been treated with a consideration they had never formerly known.

A Nazi newspaper recently declared that the Reich must not only have all colonies restored, but must have the right to fortify them.

The issue will no doubt be debated in the British Parliament. In the meantime rumors of secret "negotiations" are in the air; and it is remembered that the fate of Czechoslovakia was sealed without reference to Parliament. Mr. Chamberlain is said to wish to grant some but not all demands.

A Ship of the "Mosquito Fleet" That Helped to Capture Hankow



By isolating Russia, the Four-Power Pact of Munich is believed to have freed for action in the zone of large British and French interests in South China, first-class Japanese troops which had been maintained in Manchuria, on the Soviet frontier. In consequence a great proportion of the British investment in that area will be lost. Increasing disrespect for British, French and United States interests is shown by Japan, and Tokio reports suggest that wide trading and financial opportunities may be opened by Japan to

the Nazi and Fascist dictators.

One of the first consequences of heavy Japanese troop movements to the South was the virtual isolation of the British crown colony of Hong Kong, which preceded the capture of the South China commercial capital of Canton. A few days later the temporary capital of China, Hankow, on the Yangtze-Kiang River, fell to the Japanese, the Chinese retiring with their armies intact, and their Generalissimo, Chiang Kai Shek, predicting that eventually economic collapse will cause Japan

to lose the war, which the Chinese will carry on by new methods, largely of a guerilla character. Chiang declared that the farther the Japanese penetrated into China's vast territories, the sooner the war would end in China's favor.

Supporting Japanese troop movements against Hankow were river craft like the one shown in the picture above—part of Japan's "mosquito fleet." The Japanese vanguard consisted of motor launches, supported by deadly, low-flying bombing planes.